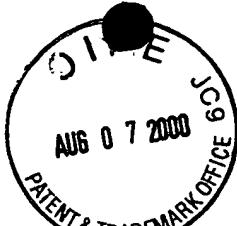


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

JUN KOIDE, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/339,869

Filed: June 25, 1999

For: METHOD FOR PROCESSING
DISCHARGE PORT OF INK
JET HEAD, AND METHOD FOR
MANUFACTURING INK JET
HEAD

Examiner: D. Tugbang

Group Art Unit: 3729
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT AND
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement in the Office Action of July 3, 2000, the time for response to which extending to and including August 3, 2000, Applicants elect for prosecution on the merits the species of invention identified by the Examiner as Species A.

Claims 1-3 and 5-15 are readable upon elected Species A.

This election is made without conceding the propriety of the Examiner's election requirement, and Applicants reserve the right to request consideration of additional species upon the indicated allowability of a generic claim. Further, this election is made without

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prejudice to the possible filing of a divisional application pursuing the non-elected species.

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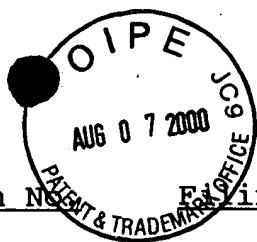
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

Some of the cited references are discussed at pages 2-5 of the specification, and the Examiner is respectfully directed thereto for a concise explanation of that art.

For the Examiner's convenience, two English-language counterparts to one of the cited Japanese references, Japanese Laid-Open Patent Appln. No. 6-510958, have been cited herewith. Those counterpart documents are U.S. Patent No. 5,208,980 and WO 93/12397. It should be noted that the U.S. patent is the priority document for the two other references.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:



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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), no copy of the cited U.S. Application is enclosed.

The Examiner is requested to review the above-listed item when making a determination of the patentability of the subject application.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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